

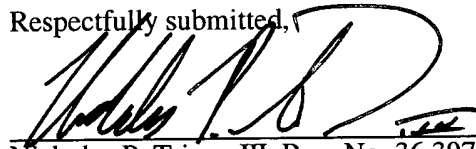
REMARKS

Applicants have amended the claims herein so as to clarify and more particularly indicate the claimed subject matter, and to address certain multiple dependencies and informalities. The cancellation of and/or amendments to the claims are being made solely to expedite prosecution of this application. Applicant reserves the option to further prosecute the same or similar claims in this or in another patent application. No new matter is added. *After entry of this amendment, claims 1 and 23-56 are in the case.*

CONCLUSION

On the basis of the foregoing amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If there are any questions regarding these amendments and remarks, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,



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